

## UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY REGION IX

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July 22, 2014

Mr. Lance Hauer, P.E.
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General Electric Company
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King of Prussia, PA 19406

Re: U.S. EPA Approval of Soil Excavation at PepsiCo Site, General Electric Company Facility at 5441 International Boulevard, Oakland, California

Dear Mr. Hauer:

The United States Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") hereby approves the excavation plan titled "Soil Sampling Summary and Proposed Excavation Limits at PepsiCo Site, GE Oakland Facility, 5441 International Blvd, Oakland California", prepared by Geosyntec Consultants, dated June 13, 2014 ("Excavation Plan").

The Excavation Plan was submitted to EPA pursuant to Paragraphs 3 and 4 of EPA's Conditional Approval of GE's Toxic Substances Control Act ("TSCA") polychlorinated biphenyls ("PCBs") application<sup>1</sup>, dated April 10, 2013, for a risk based cleanup to address PCB-contaminated soils at GE's former Oakland Facility. EPA issued the Conditional Approval to GE on May 23, 2013.

The PepsiCo Site is adjacent to the southeast boundary of the former GE Facility, and was contaminated by PCBs from the GE Facility. Consistent with the Excavation Plan, GE may now place excavated soil from the PepsiCo Site beneath the cap to be constructed at the former GE Facility pursuant to a cleanup remedy previously approved by the California Department of Toxic Substances Control ("DTSC") on June 30, 2011.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> GE's TSCA Application includes an April 10, 2013 application cover letter, Final Remedial Action Plan, June 30, 2011, Final Remedial Design and Implementation Plan, April 26, 2012, Revised Work Plan for Additional Soil Investigation and Soil Removal at PepsiCo Site, October 28, 2011, Revised January 19, 2012, Revised April 25, 2012, Report of Soil Removal Activities, May 2001, Completion Report North Property Line Soil Removal Action Project, December 2005, and a figure showing Concrete Core Sample Results, April 2013.

GE shall complete all excavation work by September 30, 2014 and submit a completion report for the excavation work no later than November 21, 2014. EPA understands that GE will terminate the soil excavation work in certain areas if and when it encounters bedding material used to construct a high pressure water (fire) line that currently extends through the remediation area.

The approval of the Excavation Plan does not relieve GE from complying with all applicable federal, state, and local regulations and permits; complying with all terms and conditions of the Conditional Approval; nor does it exempt or waive any requirement to obtain additional cleanup orders, approvals or permits pursuant to TSCA or other regulatory programs, where warranted. GE is also under a continuing obligation to comply with all requirements of TSCA regardless of whether or not such requirements are contained within the Conditional Approval, or elsewhere. Finally, EPA reserves its right to require additional characterization and/or remediation work for PCBs by GE or other potentially responsible parties, as warranted and allowed by law.

If you have any questions, please contact Ron Leach of this office at (415) 972-3362.

Sincerely,

Steve Armann, Manager

RCRA Corrective Action Office

cc: Jacinto Soto, DTSC